

# OHR BiH TV News Summary, 3 February 2000

## News Headlines

- Petritsch and Barry meet with BiH parliamentary caucuses to discuss draft permanent election law
- BiH House of Peoples adopts code-of-practice draft, draft national holiday law and discusses 2000 budget at session
- OHR calls on BiH Presidency to nominate BiH Council of Ministers president – Stiglmeier
- First Council of Ministers session in 2000 scheduled for 8 February
- OHR asks BiH Federation authorities to implement [IMF](#) recommendations on 2000 budget – Stiglmeier
- Railroad workers freeze strike because agreement to pay September and October salaries reached
- BiH Independent Trade Union denies Bicakcic allegations that company strikes supported by the union failed due to this support
- BiH Federation House of Peoples elect Niko Lozancic house speaker at impromptu session
- BiH Federation House of Peoples hold eighth regular session to discuss agenda, law on apartment buyout and other
- BiH Association of Refugees and DPs and Association of Refugees Living in Srebrenica hold meeting to discuss return
- World news report
- [ICTY](#) prepares list of persons wanted for committing crimes in Kosovo
- SDA dissatisfied with fact that new Una-Sana Governor Muhamed Beganovic elected through DNZ support – SDA spokesperson Adnan Jahic

- Liberals BiH party press conference
- Bosniak Party of Rights (BSP) hopes living standard in Una-Sana Canton will improve, party supports Muhamed Beganovic election as Una-Sana Governor
- Deputy High Representative Hoffman appeals to Radisic, says that in accordance with BiH Constitutional Court ruling there should be one chairman in BiH Council of Ministers and his deputy instead of two chairmen
- BiH Republicans press conference
- Tadic states that SRS requested implementation of 1998 general elections results to form new RS Government, the OHR made this impossible
- SDS equates Sloga Coalition quitting request for Sarovic to assume presidential duties with searching for resolution to RS crisis
- BOSS requests Tuzla Canton Education Minister Nihada Latifagic to bring decision abolishing mandatory religious classes in primary and secondary schools
- Hajric expresses dissatisfaction with IC over issue of Sarajevo Declaration implementation
- Jelavic Advisor on Military Issues Brigadier Miroslav Nikolic awarded US military medal for exemplary military service
- Action to destroy 20 tons of canned beef starts in Zenica after recent meat poisoning case – TV BiH investigates
- Tuzla Airport Director Mustafa Terzic denies possibility that airport may be closed due to small number of flights, highlights importance of this airport for Tuzla Canton
- Culture news – Sarajevo Winter Festival starts soon
- Weather
- Austrian President approves creation of coalition government
- Sarovic decides to continue carrying out RS vice presidential function due to lack of support for him to over take presidential post

- Petritsch and [SFOR](#) officials attend two-day seminar in Neum on ensuring democratic control over armed forces
- OHR announces possible introduction of new sanctions and dismissals due to obstructions in refugee return in BiH – Stiglmeier
- Petritsch meets with representatives of BiH NGOs working on human rights protection
- Austrian Government ready to continue training of BiH border police officers
- Hydro Power Plant Mostar Director Malovic denies that Elektroprivreda started compensatory payments for Neretva flood damage
- Arapcic responds to SDP request for his dismissal
- Crisis in HB Canton heats up due to motion for non-confidence vote of cantonal government
- Roundtable on Process Laws in Practical Use takes place in Sarajevo
- Montenegrin Prime Minister Vujanovic meets with Albright
- Yugoslav Army blocks border with Montenegro
- [ICTY](#) prepares list of indicted from Kosovo
- Progress reported in privatization process in Una-Sana Canton despite poor conditions
- BiH Federation Defense Ministry and Clinical Medical Center organize seminar on drug abuse
- Exhibition of architectural projects that were awarded at European 5 in Zenica
- Jelavic meets with Mostar National Theater Group HNK
- Report on promotion Tehnicko Pitanje book

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### **BiH House of Peoples adopts code-of-practice draft, draft national holiday law and discusses 2000 budget at session**

The BiH House of Peoples held a session. It discussed the budget, which was increased by 10% over last year. Around 77.6% of budgetary funds will be used to finance BiH institutions. The BiH House of Peoples adopted the draft code-

of-practice and discussed the draft treasury law. They adopted the draft national holiday law that had been sent along by the BiH Council of Ministers. The House also discussed a proposal on the status of people that have taken refuge in BiH. A decision concerning this issue could temporarily stop the eviction of people who had taken refuge in BiH since June 1990. Avdo Campara, a house delegate, stated that the Bosniak house caucus could not accept this decision. As the House of Peoples stated, the Law on Immigration and Asylum should regulate this issue.

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### **BiH Association of Refugees and DPs and Association of Refugees Living in Srebrenica hold meeting to discuss return**

As part of the project 'Everybody to Back to their Property' between the Una-Sana Canton and Serb refugees from this region currently living in Srebrenica, 300 Serb citizens visited their homes in the Bosanska Krupa Municipality on Thursday. If this project is finalized as planned, more than 5,000 refugees living in Bosanska Krupa, Srebrenica, Bratunac, Brcko, Bijeljina and other municipalities in the RS and BiH Federation will return to their homes. Chairwomen of BiH Federation Association of Refugees and Displaced Persons Mirhunica Komarica stressed the importance of the project, and asked assistance from the IC to implement it. Chairman of the Association of Refugees Living in Srebrenica Dusko Amovic stated that additional donations are now needed more than ever because, if the return process continues as it has up to this point, all BiH refugees would need the next 100 years to return pre-war homes.

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### **Liberals BiH party press conference**

The Liberals BiH held a press conference. They accused the SDA and Party for BiH of following their own party interests

during the election of the new Una-Sana Governor. The Liberals added that the CD Coalition did not look for a solution within its own ranks. The Liberals BiH said that, since the CD Coalition does not exist in the Una-Sana Canton anymore, they would continue acting in an independent capacity there.

**00:24 Hajric expresses dissatisfaction with IC over issue of Sarajevo Declaration implementation**

President of Sarajevo Declaration Implementation Steering Board Mirza Hajric expressed dissatisfaction over the IC attitude toward the implementation process of Declaration. Commenting on SGV doubts that more than 19,000 non-Bosniaks had returned to Sarajevo, Hajric said that he did not understand the motives behind their doubts. Commenting on statements by OHR spokeswoman Alexandra Stiglmayer that the OHR had received data on returns implemented to Sarajevo, Hajric said the OHR was not competent to discuss such information. (00:32).